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Attached hereto as **Appendix A** is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification by the current amendment. The attached Page is captioned **VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE.**"

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APPENDIX A**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE****IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (Amended) A recoil starter, comprising

a rotary driving member that is adapted to be rotated by pulling a recoil rope,

an interlocking rotary member that is adapted to be rotated independently of the rotary

driving member, and

a buffering spring coupled directly between the rotary driving member and the

~~the~~ interlocking rotary member, applying a rotational bias between the rotary driving member and

~~the~~ interlocking rotary member, and adapted to transmit the rotation of the rotary driving

member to the interlocking rotary member, and

a hook portion at one end of the buffering spring and located within the buffering spring.

Please add the following new claims:

--7. (New) A recoil starter, comprising

a rotary driving member that is adapted to be rotated by pulling a recoil rope,

an interlocking rotary member that is adapted to be rotated independently of the rotary

driving member, and

a buffering spring coupled between the rotary driving member and the interlocking rotary member, applying a rotational bias between the rotary driving member and the interlocking rotary member, and adapted to transmit the rotation of the rotary driving member to the interlocking rotary member,

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wherein the interlocking rotary member includes a power transmission pulley to which the rotation of the rotary driving member is transmitted through the buffering member and a centrifugal ratchet mechanism coupled to the power transmission pulley and adapted to be coupled to a crankshaft of an internal combustion engine for transmitting the rotation of the power transmission pulley to the crankshaft of the internal combustion engine.

8. (New) The recoil starter according to claim 7, wherein the rotary driving member and the interlocking rotary member are disposed on a common rotational axis.

9. (New) The recoil starter according to claim 7, wherein the buffering member is a torsion coil spring or a spiral spring.

10. (New) The recoil starter according to claim 8, wherein the buffering member is a torsion coil spring or a spiral spring.—

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